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It's Tax Check-off Season!



It's a simple act of giving, but the results can be profound. When you complete your Michigan State Taxes, enter the amount of your contribution to the Children's Trust Fund (CTF) of Michigan on Line 6 of the 4642 Voluntary Contributions Schedule. Then enter the amount on Line 22 on page 2 of your MI-1040 tax form. If you use a tax preparer for your taxes, be sure to inform that person of your donation intentions and interest in making a difference in a child's life!

Show Your Friends You Care Purchase a CTF Specialty License Plate



Add some color to your vehicle with a Children's Trust Fund specialty license plate. You will support the important work of child abuse prevention and help share this message with your friends, family, and other drivers! It is a fun and easy way to show that you support children and families in Michigan.

Sales of our specialty license plate are an important funding source for CTF. You can order a CTF plate from the Secretary of State, at <http://tinyurl.com/CTFPlate>, any time of the year. The plate sells for \$35; \$25 of which goes to CTF to help fight child abuse and neglect. Once you have a plate, each year the additional \$10 fee goes directly to support of the work of CTF. All of these contributions are tax deductible.

For more information about the Children's Trust Fund, please visit www.michigan.gov/ctf or call 1-800-CHILDREN.

2014 MICHIGAN Voluntary Contributions Schedule

INSTRUCTIONS: Use this schedule to make a donation from your refund to any of the organizations listed below. If you are not receiving a refund, your donation will increase your tax due. Check the box associated with the dollar amount you wish to contribute in columns A or B or enter a specific dollar amount greater than \$10 in the space provided in column C. Enter the total of your contribution for each line in column D. For detailed descriptions of each fund, see the reverse side of this form. Attach completed form to Form MI-1040.

Type or print in blue or black ink. Print numbers like this: 0123456789 - NOT like this: 0 1 4 7 Attachment 18

Filer's First Name	M.I.	Last Name	Filer's Social Security No. (Example: 123-45-6789)
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If a Joint Return, Spouse's First Name	M.I.	Last Name	Spouse's Social Security No. (Example: 123-45-6789)
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	A.	B.	C. Other Amount (greater than \$10)	D. Total Contribution
1. ALS of Michigan ("Lou Gehrig's Disease") Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ 00	1. 00
2. Alzheimer's Association of Michigan	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ 00	2. 00
3. AMBER Alert Fund of Michigan	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ 00	3. 00
4. Animal Welfare Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ 00	4. 00
5. Children of Veterans Tuition Grant Program	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ 00	5. 00
6. Children's Trust Fund - Preventing Child Abuse in Michigan	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	\$ 00	6. 00

Enter the amount of your contribution to the Children's Trust Fund on Line 6 of the 4642 Voluntary Contributions Schedule.

Enter the amount of your total contributions on Line 22 on Page 2 of your MI-1040 tax form.

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Filer's Full Social Security Number: — —

21. Enter amount of Income Tax from line 20	21.	00
22. Voluntary Contributions from Form 4642, line 10. Attach Form 4642	22.	00
23. USE TAX. Use tax due on Internet, mail order or other out-of-state purchases from Worksheet 1 (see instructions)	23.	00
24. Total Tax Liability. Add lines 21, 22 and 23	24.	00
REFUNDABLE CREDITS AND PAYMENTS		
25. Property Tax Credit. Attach MI-1040CR or MI-1040CR-2	25.	00
26. Farmland Preservation Credit. Attach MI-1040CR-5	26.	00
27. a. Federal Earned Income Tax Credit	27a.	00
b. Michigan Earned Income Tax Credit. Multiply line 27a by 6% (0.06)	27b.	00
28. Michigan Historic Preservation Tax Credit (refundable). Attach Form 3581	28.	00
29. Michigan tax withheld from Schedule W, line 7. Attach Schedule W (do not submit W-2s)	29.	00
30. Estimated tax, extension payments and 2013 credit forward	30.	00
31. Total refundable credits and payments. Add lines 25, 26, 27b, 28, 29 and 30	31.	00

REFUND OR TAX DUE Office Use Only

Every donation (big or small) will support children and families in your community.

Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Planning for our Signature Auction Event is well underway and we already have interesting auction items and to date supports through sponsorships of over \$125,000.

WHAT: Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event

WHEN: Wednesday, May 13, 2015
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: Lansing Center, Downtown Lansing
For directions go to <http://lansingcenter.com>



WHY GET INVOLVED: To help protect Michigan's most vulnerable citizens from child abuse and neglect. Your donation can help to make a difference.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

- Join the CTF's Advisory Committee
- Become a Cash or In-kind Sponsor
- Donate or Underwrite an Auction Item
- Host a Table at the Event
- Purchase a Ticket to Attend the Event

Visit www.michigan.gov/ctfsignature to download an auction item, sponsor commitment, table host, or ticket purchase form.

HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS: Tickets are \$150 each and can be purchased online at Tickets - CTF Auction 2015 or call the CTF office at 1-800-CHILDREN.

Please contact Tricia Headley, CTF Event/Fund Development Manager, at headleyp@michigan.gov, for additional information or to get involved.

The Children's Trust Fund is featuring each month one of our Direct Service Grant Programs that partners with us to prevent child abuse and neglect in Michigan.

Direct Service Grant of the Month **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Marquette and Alger Counties**

GirlPower: GirlPower is an evidence based mentoring program developed by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Marquette and Alger Counties that addresses issues facing girls like mental health, social and emotional support and health and wellness. The girls meet weekly with their mentors either at school or in the community. Presentations and trainings include: safety and self-care, sexual integrity, alcohol and drug abuse prevention, conflict resolution, fashion, cooking, etiquette, communication skills, career and goal setting.



Examples of outcomes from the past year:

- 158 girls were “matched”, an increase of 34% over the previous year
- 80% reported increase self confidence
- 69% had an improved relationship with their families and peers
- 89% had an improved attitude toward school
- 100% were able to avoid alcohol and drugs
- 100% remained safe in their homes

“I love GirlPower. I can’t wait to see Emily every Friday. She talks to me about what is going on in my life and it really helps.” --*Program Participant (GirlPower)*

The program is now known as a great resource for parents and their girls. A parent called a School Counselor last week and said, “I want to sign my daughter up for the GirlPower program.”

Circle of Parents: Circle of Parents offers free meetings for anyone in a parenting role. Parents lead the groups with the help of a trained facilitator. The purpose of Circle of Parents is to give parents an opportunity to talk to other parents in a confidential setting about anything related to raising kids.

Big Brothers Big Sisters was contacted by Juvenile Treatment Court and Family Drug Court to provide the program this year to parents of youth offenders. The program has grown to 12 participants and we are now able to offer two sessions.

Circle of Parents in Marquette County is growing and is working with the court systems to help more parents.

“This program gives me an opportunity to talk and unload about my problems in a confidential setting with others who are going through the same thing.”

“I appreciate receiving information that helps me communicate and set boundaries for my son without yelling and arguing.” --*Program Participants (Circle of Parents)*

For more information on Big Brothers Big Sisters of Marquette and Alger Counties contact:

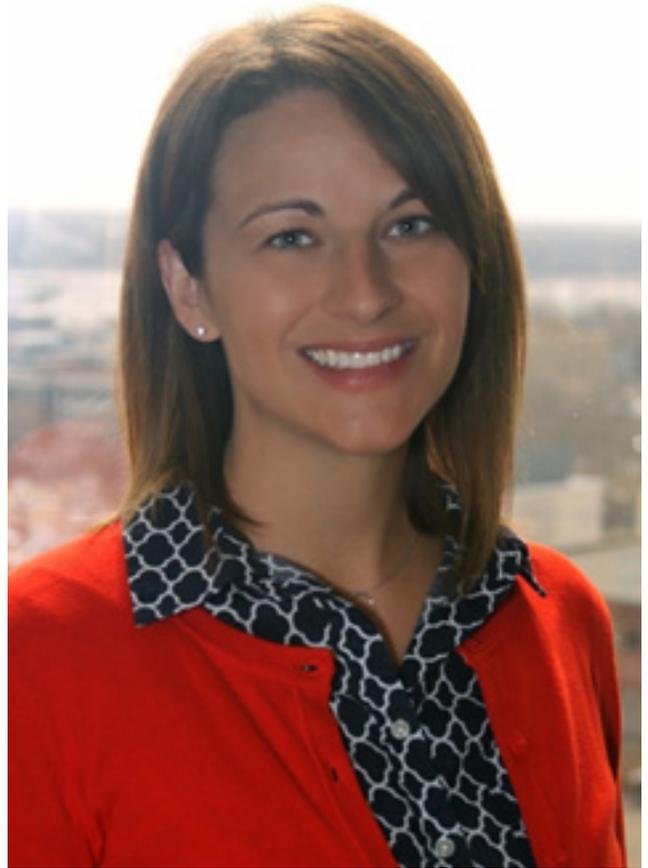
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Best Wishes to Sarah Davis

The Children's Trust Fund bid adieu to Sarah Davis on February 13th. Sarah left the Trust Fund to accept the position of Assistant to the Director of the Bureau of Family, Maternal, and Child Health at the Department of Community Health.

Sarah provided invaluable leadership here at the Trust Fund as our Senior Program Development Coordinator for the past 8 years. She is recognized leader, both at the state level and locally, on the Strengthening Families-Protective Factors Framework. Her passion and leadership in promoting the efficacy of that model was instrumental in the countless ways the framework has been embedded into practice across state departments. Sarah's reputation for attention to detail and follow through was (and will continue to be) admired by all who worked with her on any work group or task force. Sarah has a penchant for making even the most challenging of projects tolerable (do we dare say fun?) with her wit and supportive approach. While we will certainly miss Sarah here at the Trust Fund, we wish her all the best in her new endeavor.

If you wish to contact Sarah she will retain her same email address of DavisS11@michigan.gov.



Sarah Davis

Retirement Open House for Sylvia Brown Jones

At this time of transition at CTF, Sylvia Brown Jones, the CTF Direct Services Grant Coordinator for the past 10 years, has announced her retirement at the end of March. A retirement open house has been scheduled for Sylvia Brown Jones on **March 19, 2015, from 1:00-3:00pm** in the Dempsey Room of the Grand Tower (235 S. Grand Avenue, Lansing, MI 48909). The event is open to the public. All present and former colleagues and grantees that have worked with Sylvia over the years are especially invited to attend. More about Sylvia's legacy at CTF will be in the March News Briefs.

Children's Trust Fund Board Meetings

The Children's Trust Fund Board, which serves as the State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board has the following four meetings scheduled in 2015:

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Wednesday, June 10, 2015

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

All meetings will be held at Jackson National Life Insurance, 3275 Okemos Road, Mason, MI 48854 in their 4th floor Board Room. For more information on attending a meeting or receiving copies of agendas contact Alan Stokes at stokesa@michigan.gov or call 517-373-4320.

Child Abuse Prevention Month is Only Two Month Away

Even though it is only February and we're still shivering and deep in snow from our Michigan winter, Child Abuse Prevention Month will soon be upon us. Since 1983 April has been designated by presidential decree as Child Abuse Prevention Month. During each April, prevention networks throughout our state and nation pause to acknowledge the issues of child maltreatment and to bring awareness to the great prevention work being done to strengthen families so that all of our children may thrive. Each year a lot of planning takes place at the Children's Trust Fund to assure that Child Abuse Prevention Month is a success in a number of ways.

First, we work to provide the Local Councils with the resources they will need to conduct their own CAP Month programming and activities. Toward that end, CTF provides 105 free pinwheels and we routinely send printed materials to each council for their pinwheel 'garden' and other awareness building events.

Second, a newly updated toolkit is developed each year to provide written materials to address a variety of CAP Month needs. The toolkit is rich with resources including sample letters, brochures, messaging ideas for Facebook and Twitter, posters, and strategies for reaching out to audiences such as the faith community. The toolkit may be found at the following link, <http://tinyurl.com/2015CTFCAPMonth>.

Third, CTF forwards to the local councils the Prevent Child Abuse America (PCA) special toolkit pieces which include: sample news editorials; sample media and PSA copy; a pinwheel coloring sheet and others.

Fourth, CTF promotes and encourages all Local Councils to host pinwheel garden events in their respective communities on April 1st and throughout April. Last year approximately 56 CTF Local Councils planted pinwheel gardens during Child Abuse Prevention Month. The pinwheels symbolizes the great childhoods that all children deserve.

And finally, we organize our annual Prevention Awareness Day (PrAD) event a day to recognize Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month and to honor all the children and families in our state. This special 7th annual event will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 11AM at the Lansing State Capitol steps. This year's PrAD will be once more structured as: a rally, procession, and the "planting" of a pinwheel garden. The rally will consist of notable speakers and entertainment supporting the belief that child abuse and neglect can be prevented. The subsequent procession will walk down Michigan Avenue.

What makes these and the other informational materials contained in the toolkit particularly special is that they are developed with Local Council collaboration. A special CAP Month Workgroup meets each year, once or twice a month, between October and May to develop this amazing toolkit and to assist CTF with organizing our annual Prevention Awareness Day. This workgroup (and the local council county they represent) include: Catherine Martinez (Bay), Kathy Kelly (Ingham), Deanna Norris (Livingston), Miriana Milo (Oakland Co.), Leigh Moerdyke (Ottawa), Leslie Eschenbacher (Saginaw), and Cindy Swift (Out-Wayne). We take this opportunity to thank them for their tireless devotion to this work and to express gratitude for their collaborative efforts! On a personal note, they are all fun people and I enjoy working with each and every one.



Pinwheels for **PREVENTION**[®]



The Prevent Child Abuse (PCA) Pinwheels for Prevention[™] campaign is an effort to change the way our state and nation think about prevention. It focuses on community activities and public policies that prioritize prevention right from the start to make sure child abuse and neglect never occur. It's simple really. The actions we take to promote healthy child development are the very actions that help to prevent child abuse and neglect, like parent-child interaction, reading and constructive play. Healthy child development starts a chain of events that follow a child into adulthood leading to a more educated and productive workforce, which is good for community and economic development. At a time when we all care about the economy, it just makes “cents” to spend more time learning how stable, nurturing relationships influence a child’s developing brain and provide a foundation for all future development.

Over 27,000 pinwheels will be used in Michigan for the 2015 CAP Month efforts. If you are interested in ordering pinwheels, please contact Anne Stokes (stokesa1@michigan.gov) from our office.

Please note that the Pinwheels for Prevention[™] is a trademarked campaign. If you are considering a pinwheel garden or other pinwheel awareness activity or event, the pinwheel is never to be symbolic of children who’ve been abused or may have died as a result of abuse.

Mardi Gras Auction in Saginaw County

The CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region Saginaw County will hold their Twenty-Second Annual Mardi Gras Auction on February 26, 2015, from 5:30-10 p.m. at Apple Mountain Conference Center, 4519 N. River Road, Freeland, Michigan. For more information about purchasing tickets call 989-752-7226.



Kids Store

February, the month of love, is a great time to think about that someone special in your life. What better way than to get them a beautiful sterling silver necklace that has a pinwheel pendant to go with it. This necklace will compliment any outfit as well as a great communication starter piece. The pinwheel is the universal symbol for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. For only \$25.00 you can help support Children's Trust Fund and you can make this necklace part of your jewelry box today! All proceeds go back to Children's Trust Fund in helping prevent child abuse & neglect.

To purchase this necklace and/or to check out other CTF great items in our kids store please go to the Kid Store Website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Anne Stokes at 517-373-4320.



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